Peter Tinkham, et al

SAO 399 (Rev. 10/95)

## WAIVER OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS

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		(NAME OF PLAI	NIEFSATIO	RNEY OR	JNREPRES	ENTEL	PLAINT	F)		12.7		
I,	Doreen R. Kelly  (DEFENDANT NAME)					, a	_, acknowledge receipt of your request					
	(DEFENDANI NAME)											
that I w	raive service of sum	nmons in the action of	Peter	Tink	ham,		al v	_	Doreen	Kelly	<b>,</b> et,	
which is case number 05-			10470MLW			in the United States District Court						
for the	Eastern	Division	CKET NUMBER)  District	t of _	Mass	sach	nuset	ts		<del>- '</del>	<u> </u>	
I have also received a copy of the complaint in the action, two copies of this instrument, and a means by which I can return the signed waiver to you without cost to me.												
		ost of service of a sum tity on whose behalf I a										
		hose behalf I am acting) opt for objections based								-	sdiction	
Ιu	mderstand that a ju	dgment may be entered	against me	(or the	party or	n who	se behal	f I a	ım acting) i	f an		
answer or motion under Rule 12 is not served upon you within 60 days after										1, 200	)5,	
or with	(DATE REQUEST WAS SENT) or within 90 days after that date if the request was sent outside the United States.											
7/3	5/05 (DATE)	Printed/T	yped Name:	De (TITLE)	ore	CONTRACTOR OF THE CONTRACTOR O	R.I	<u></u>	CORPORATED	efendant)		

## **Duty to Avoid Unnecessary Costs of Service of Summons**

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain parties to cooperate in saving unnecessary costs of service of the summons and complaint. A defendant located in the United States who, after being notified of an action and asked by a plaintiff located in the United States to waive service of summons, fails to do so will be required to bear the cost of such service unless good cause be shown for its failure to sign and return the waiver.

It is not good cause for a failure to waive service that a party believes that the complaint is unfounded, or that the action has been brought in an improper place or in a court that lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the action or over its person or property. A party who waives service of the summons retains all defenses and objections (except any relating to the summons or to the service of the summons), and may later object to the jurisdiction of the court or to the place where the action has been brought.

A defendant who waives service must within the time specified on the waiver form serve on the plaintiff's attorney (or unrepresented plaintiff) a response to the complaint and must also file a signed copy of the response with the court. If the answer or motion is not served within this time, a default judgment may be taken against that defendant. By waiving service, a defendant is allowed more time to answer than if the summons had been actually served when the request for waiver of service was received.